

## NARRATIVE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "EMPOWERING YOUTH CITIZENSHIP FOR EU FUTURE" PROJECT

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### PART I. Substantive report

1. Please describe whether the assumed objectives of the project implementation - from the period covered by the report - have been achieved in the amount specified in the application for project financing. If not, please indicate why.

The Italian delegation has joined the first international meeting hosted by the Municipality of Salamina, Greece, which lasted from November the 21<sup>st</sup> up to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The delegation was composed by 5 persons:

- the Mayor delegate of the Municipality of Faenza (which is one of the 6 municipalities belonging the local public administration Unione della Romagna Faentina - URF).
- 1 delegate who's in charge for the Youth Policy Department for the URF.
- 2 girls (age 17 and 18) and 1 boy (age 21).

The experience has been outstanding. We can assert that for all the members of the delegation it has represented a chance to develop new skills and different ideas as well.

First of all, it has been the first experience for the Youth department to promote an international mobility involving young people. This has given birth to a new precious relationship characterized by a "shorted inter-relational distance" between public administration and young citizens.

It has been remarkable and surprising looking at the way young participants felt involved in the activities.

Furthermore, the chance to interact with people from other countries, different backgrounds and different ages has been very important for the Italian young participants. After the trip to Salamina it has been planned in Faenza a short meeting between all the participants, and the young guys have given very positive feedback. The said that for the first time they had

the chance to exchange ideas with foreign young boys and girls about important issues, such as European citizenship, ecology, Cyber security and fake news. This workshop experience has been exciting and very educational for them at the same time.

For sure, it has enriched youth's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and participation. It has been a chance to increase young people's capacity for contextualization and to encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity.

This first meeting has allowed them to start gaining encouragement to engage for the future of their community through better understanding of the EU policies.

Last but not least, listening other people talking about different practices regarding youth policies at local level has been a good reason of constructive conversations.

There has been even an unexpected effect of the project related to the personal experience of one of the 2 girls: approaching this type of experience, she has asserted that she realized how much important it is to her taking care about international relationships. Therefore, she decided that her future studies at university will be about political science and international relationships, instead of medicine.

Finally, Salamina is for sure a beautiful place with amazing landscapes to discover, and this can be considered an added value to the experience, too.

In conclusion, we can confirm that many of the assumed objectives have been achieved, such as spreading non-formal education and improving awareness about the importance of developing international relationships.